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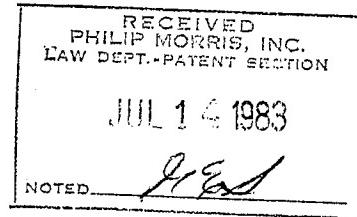
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Re: United States Patent Application Serial
Number 377,989, filed May 13, 1982,
entitled OPTICALLY ACTIVE NICOTINE ANALOGS
AND PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION of
Edwards III (PM 893) D&O-79-14/II

Dear Les:

We have reviewed the Office Action in this case, and we see several items which require the benefit of your assistance.

All of claims 40-55 under rejection are directed to optically pure pyrrolidines and pyrrolidones. In order to remove Acheson et al as a reference, we need copies of notebook pages which show the preparation and identification of the optically pure compound in question. The reduction to practice has to be prior to February 15, 1980; or there must be conception prior to that date plus diligence to a reduction to practice after February 15, 1980.

George told we not to worry about this

We note that the page copies previously sent for the Div. I case do not specify optical purity of the type compounds defined in claims 48-55 of this case.

Also, the combination of the Titus et al and C.A. Formula Index appear to anticipate or render obvious claims 44-47. If you agree, we can cancel these claims.

Further, the optical purity designation in claims 54-55 appears to be incorrect. We would appreciate the inventor's review of these claims.

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We would appreciate your early correspondence so that we can advance our efforts in this case.

Very truly yours,

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